Activity: Recycling is A-MAZE-ing

Background:
Sometimes finding a recycling bin can be a real maze! This is a fun activity that encourages students to be more conscious of where recycling bins are located across their schools and communities. Now, they’ll always know a spot to toss water bottles and newspapers.

Point Value:
8 points

Key Themes:
Scraping

Procedure:
1. Have your students draw a maze on paper and use a magnet and paperclip to traverse the maze and get the paperclip to the end (a recycling bin). Use the included example as a demonstration of the activity to the class.
2. Students can trade mazes with other students to try them out.
3. For homework, have your students list on the back where there are recycling bins in the school, in the neighborhood, and in their homes.

Materials:
Provided by Museum:
• Maze example and template

Provided by you and/or student:
• Magnet,
• paperclip
Directions: Create your own maze and hand it over to a partner to follow using a magnet and paperclip. Take this maze home with you and write on the back the locations of recycling bins in your school & community.

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